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TAGS: PLAB, ILO

SUBJECT: ILO: GOVT WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE

1. SUMMARY: THE GOVERNMENT WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE (GWPS) ADJOURNED APRIL 29 WITHOUT REACHING AN AGREEMENT ON RESTRUCTURING OF THE GOVERNING BODY (ARTICLE 7). ANOTHER MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 22 THROUGH 24. BOTH IMEC AND G-77 REMAIN COMMITTED TO RESTRUCTURING AND THEY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TO REACH AN ACCEPTABLE RESULT. THE ILO DIRECTOR-GENERAL HAS REQUESTED IMEC REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET WITH HIM, PROBABLY MAY 5. END SUMMARY.

2. THE GWPS, FAILING TO REACH AGREEMENT ON ARTICLE 7, ADJOURNED ITS MEETING, AFTERNOON APRIL 29. THE GWPS WILL RESUME DISCUSSIONS ON MAY 22, 23 AND 24. ON MAY 22 AND 23, A "SMALL" DRAFTING GROUP WILL WORK ON DEVELOPING A CONSENSUS PROPOSAL TO BE PRESENTED TO A PLENARY SESSION MAY 24. THE "SMALL" GROUP WILL BE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM USSR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA (REPRESENTING COMMUNIST COUNTRIES), ALGERIA, NIGERIA, PERU, MEXICO, IRAN AND PAKISTAN (FROM G-77); AND IMEC-SPECIFIC COUNTRIES AND DELEGATES TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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3. WE UNDERSTAND IMEC INTENDS TO REFER BACK TO THE FINAL VERSION OF ITS DRAFT DEVELOPED APRIL 27, WHICH CALLS FOR A MAXIMUM OF 50 ELECTIVE GOVERNMENT SEATS IN THE ILO GOVERNING BODY, ALLOCATION OF SEATS AMONG 4 REGIONS BASED ON 3 EQUALLY IMPORTANT CRITERIA - NUMBER OF STATES, TOTAL POPULATION, AND CONTRIBUTIONS; AND ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE

"THE REPRESENTIVITY OF THE GOVERNING BODY AND THE CONTINUITY OF ITS WORK".

4. COMMENT: THE FAILURE OF THE GWPS TO REACH ACCORD ON ARTICLE 7 WAS DISAPPOINTING FOR THOSE SUPPORTING STRUCTURAL REFORM. IMEC AND G-77 SPOKESMEN REMAIN CONVINCED RESTRUCTURING WILL COME -- IT IS JUST A MATTER OF WHEN. THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL HAS ASKED IMEC REPS TO MEET WITH HIM LATER THIS WEEK, PROBABLY MAY 5 TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS AND PROSPECTS FOR THE JUNE CONFERENCE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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